National Labour Commission has been constituted to suggest rationalisation of labour laws in the organised sector and an umbrella legislation for the unorganised sector.

(d) and (e) The Government has not received any future action plan of the Trade Unions against implementation of these reforms. However, as and when a strike notice is received, the Government holds conciliation proceedings and make all efforts to resolve the dispute amicably.

Enforcement of I.D. Act

† 4223. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Deputy Commissioner (Labour), Curzon Road, New Delhi has not been able to implement I.D. Act, 1947 in Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd.;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that General Secretary, Bharuya Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Karamchari Union has also filed a law suit for implementation of I.D. Act, 1947; and

(c) if so, by when; the decision in the law-suit and I.D. Act, 1947 would be implemented in M.T.N.L.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT : (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) A petition has been filed and a dispute has been raised by the Bhartiya Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Karamchari Union in the office of the Regional Labour Commissioner (C), Delhi. It has been reported that while the hearing on the petition has been completed, the hearing on the dispute has been adjourned to a future date.

Adoption of new sets of safety standards

4224. SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Ministerof LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether the International Labour Conference in its 89th Session in Geneva has, recently, adopted a new set of safety standards for protecting world agricultural workers;

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) whether according to ILO, apart from mining and construction, agriculture is the third most hazardous occupation;

(c) if so, the details of the decisions taken; and

(d) to what extent these have been adopted or would be implemented by the Central Government in Indian context?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The International Labour Organization in its 89th Session in Geneva has adopted a new Convention accompanied by a Recommendation on 'Safety and Health in Agriculture'. The Convention and Recommendation lay stress on preventive, protective and welfare measures to be taken for the health and safety of agricultural workers.

The decision to ratify/implement the convention will be taken after extensive examination of the provisions of the convention and the implication of ratification of the convention by means of consultation with the stakeholders, i.e., the Central Organizations of Workers and Employers, Central Ministries/ Departments and State Governments.

In the ELO Report VI(I) on safety and health in agriculture it is mentioned that agriculture is one of the three most hazardous industries togetherwith mining and constructions.

Employment opportunities

4225. SHRI C. M. IBRAHIM: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of employment opportunities generated in the country during the years 1998-99,1999-2000,2000-2001, and those likely to be generated during 2001-2002;

(b) the number of jobs targeted to be generated during these years as per the Ninth Five Year Plan in public sector, private sector and self employment sectors, and altogether, and

(c) the reasons for the shortfall indicating the estimated number of unemployed in different categories on the beginning of each of these years and whether it has come to Government's notice that a large number of people having claimed VRS benefits again go *m* for fresh employment?